



The Old Ironsides Report

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MAKE IT HAPPEN!

USAREUR CG responds to 1AD families' questions, concerns

Story by Spc. Scott Pittillo and Spc. Jeanine Kinville, 1AD PAO

WIESBADEN, Germany— In a show of support to 1st Armored Division families, the U.S. Army Europe's commanding general met with family members and community leaders in Friedberg, Germany, April 23.

Gen. B.B. Bell, led his team of key staff members from USAREUR and the Installation Management Agency – Europe to meet with families and to hear first-hand about their challenges while their deployed spouses are extended. Bell offered immediate assistance in this time of crisis.

Bell ordered USAREUR and IMA-E to cut through the regulations and red tape to take care of families needs. With the dates changed on the division's homecoming, Bell addressed the families' issues concerning childcare, legal powers of Attorney and reassignment.

"We will suspend the rules and cut through the red tape," Bell said, as he responded to a variety of issues arising from 1AD's 90-to-120-day extension in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Find ways around the regs (regulations) that don't make sense," Bell told to USAREUR and IMA-E staff members. "I am here to authorize you to do what is right."

Bell specifically referred to a case where a spouse had already resigned from her job in anticipation of leaving Europe for a new assignment upon husband's return from Iraq. With the extension of 1AD troops, the wife was left without a job for the next four months. Strict adherence to regulations prohibited her from getting her job back.

Bell personally remedied the situation and the jobless-spouse got her job back immediately.

There are many similar in 1AD communities, but Bell explained that there is no reason to frustrate the families under the current rules, because they no longer apply in this time of crisis.

"I don't give a damn about long hours and overtime," said Bell, explaining that funding to extend hours and increased services is available, and if it runs out more funds will be requested.

"Since the Soldiers left the area, the hours of operation for these services have been cut," said White. Spouses are left in the rear with children and less time to get things done.

To help the children of deployed Soldiers cope with the prolonged separation from their parent(s), a deployment and reunion guide will begin circulating around the division aimed at children in three different age groups.

Child and Youth Services will also be bringing over more summer sports programs for children, especially for parents with multiple children on different teams. Also, schedules will be produced earlier in advance so families can plan better.

Bell said that families with deployed Soldiers can now take



United States Army Europe commanding general, Gen. B.B. Bell addresses 1st Armored Division families, USAREUR and Installation Management Agency-Europe staff members April 23 in response to 1AD's extension in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bell's message was one of total support for Iron Families in their time of need. Photo by Sgt. Gregory F. Withrow.

advantage of the R&R (rest and relaxation) program being offered at the Garmisch resort without their Soldier being present.

For spouses with expiring powers of attorney, Bell said the Judge Advocate General will work out the situation with the spouses. Bell emphasized that common sense would be used to protect the Soldiers' finances and property.

Families affected by the extension that are relocating within the 104th Area Support Group will be able to move without a power of attorney.

Throughout the session, Bell addressed spouses and fielded questions with his leaders to bring peace of mind to the families.

Bell promised that every issue facing the 1AD families would be looked at and approached with common sense.

"We're not going to just check the block and say we did our part and then go on with our mindless business," said Bell.

Emphasizing the need for immediate action in supporting Iron Families, Bell was very clear in his intent.

"I know we cannot wait a month to solve your problems," said Bell promising the full force of support from USAREUR and IMA-E. "I think 75 percent of the things that are bothering you we can solve by next week."

NEWS...

9/11 Panel Quizzes Bush, Cheney for Hours

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney spent more than three hours behind closed doors Thursday with the Sept. 11 commission that is charged with finding ways to prevent a repeat of the worst terrorist attack in American history.

"I answered every question they asked," Bush said. He declined to disclose details of the Oval Office discussion, saying the commissioners would incorporate his and Cheney's comments in their final report, set for release about three months before the November election.

U.S., Iraq Generals Reach Tentative Deal

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - U.S. Marines negotiated a "tentative" agreement Thursday to pull back forces from Fallujah, a deal that would lift a nearly month long siege and allow an Iraqi force led by a former Saddam Hussein-era general to handle security.

Fresh clashes broke out despite news of a pending deal, and U.S. warplanes dropped bombs on insurgent targets.

Ten U.S. soldiers and a South African civilian were killed in attacks elsewhere, including eight Americans who died when a bomb hit as they tried to clear explosives from a road south of Baghdad.

Kin of Italian Hostages Lead Peace March

ROME (AP) - The families of three Italians held hostage in Iraq led a march near St. Peter's Square on Thursday after the abductors threatened to kill the captives unless Italians carried out a "huge demonstration" against the war. Pope John Paul II sent a message to the marchers, saying he had celebrated Mass for the captives and urging them to keep their spirits up.

World War II Memorial Opens to Public

WASHINGTON (AP) - A national monument to the 16 million U.S. men and women who served during World War II opened to the public Thursday, giving veterans of that era a sense of recognition some say was long overdue but well worth the wait. "It is beautiful," declared World War II veteran and former Marine George Lynch. "To see this memorial after all these years is absolutely marvelous."

Cancer Find May Help Shape Drug Treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a step toward more tailored cancer therapy, scientists have discovered some lung cancer patients harbor gene mutations that make a new drug dramatically help them - even as it fails most. Now the race is on to develop a test to figure out in advance whom Iressa will help, so patients who need it might benefit sooner and others won't waste time and money and risk unnecessary side effects.

Scientifically speaking...

Scientists Working of Flexible Armor

By BRIAN WITTE, Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) -- Army scientists are working on a liquid body armor for clothing that stays flexible during normal use but can harden to stop a projectile when hit suddenly.

Researchers hope the liquid could be used in sleeves and pants, areas not protected by ballistic vests because they must stay flexible.

The liquid, hard particles suspended in a fluid, is soaked into layers of Kevlar, which holds it in place. Scientists recently had an archer shoot arrows at it to see how well the liquid boosted the strength of a Kevlar vest.

"Instead of the arrow going through the Kevlar, it is completely stopped by the Kevlar vest - and sometimes just bounces right off," said Norman Wagner, a University of Delaware chemical engineering professor who is working on the project.

Vests treated with the liquid have also blocked stabs from an ice pick, and researchers are doing more tests to see if it can stop bullets or shrapnel, too.

The project, which has been under way for about three years, is a joint venture between the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and the University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials.

Eric Wetzel, a mechanical engineer who heads the project team for the Army lab, said a "shear thickening fluid" is a key component of the liquid armor. Hard particles are suspended in the liquid, polyethylene glycol. At low strain rates, the particles flow with the fluid, enabling clothing to stay flexible. But when heavily strained, the particles become rigid.

"If it's impacted suddenly by a projectile or a knife, say, it rigidifies and somehow restricts the ability of the fabric to move," Wetzel said.

The transition happens very quickly, a millisecond or quicker.

Wetzel and Wagner are optimistic the liquid body armor will be useful to local police and prison guards - and perhaps it could one day protect people in automobile and airplane crashes.

Thought for the day...

Practice Makes Perfect

Quarterback Tony Rice led Notre Dame's football team to a national championship in 1988. Before the season, sportswriters wondered whether Notre Dame could beat the tough teams with a quarterback like Rice, whose passing often was inaccurate.

They didn't know that coach Lou Holtz had bought Rice a dartboard and told him to practice throwing darts an hour a day. Rice didn't see how that would help his passing, but he did as his coach said. Soon he began to throw passes with more accuracy and confidence - both of which were evidenced in a banner season.

Today in history... APRIL 23

April 30, 1803: THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) -- On April 30, 1803, representatives of the United States and Napoleonic France conclude negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase, a massive land sale that doubles the size of the young American republic. What was known as Louisiana Territory comprised most of modern-day United States between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains, with the exceptions of Texas, parts of New Mexico, and other pockets of land already controlled by the United States. A formal treaty for the Louisiana Purchase, antedated to April 30, was signed two days later.

Beginning in the 17th century, France explored the Mississippi River valley and established scattered settlements in the region. By the middle of the 18th century, France controlled more of the modern United States than any other European power: from New Orleans northeast to the Great Lakes and northwest to modern-day Montana. In 1762, during the French and Indian War, France ceded its America territory west of the Mississippi River to Spain and in 1763 transferred nearly all of its remaining North American holdings to Great Britain. Spain, no longer a dominant European power, did little to develop Louisiana Territory during the next three decades. In 1796, Spain allied itself with France, leading Britain to use its powerful navy to cut off Spain from America.

In 1801, Spain signed a secret treaty with France to return Louisiana Territory to France. Reports of the retrocession caused considerable uneasiness in the United States. Since the late 1780s, Americans had been moving westward into the Ohio and Tennessee River valleys, and these settlers were highly dependent on free access to the Mississippi River and the strategic port of New Orleans. U.S. officials feared that France, resurgent under the leadership of Napoleon Bonaparte, would soon seek to dominate the Mississippi River and access to the Gulf of Mexico. In a letter to Robert Livingston, the U.S. minister to France, President Thomas Jefferson stated, "The day that France takes possession of New Orleans...we must marry ourselves to the British fleet and nation." Livingston was ordered to negotiate with French minister Charles Maurice de Talleyrand for the purchase of New Orleans.

France was slow in taking control of Louisiana, but in 1802 Spanish authorities, apparently acting under French orders, revoked a U.S.-Spanish treaty that granted Americans the right to store goods in New Orleans. In response, President Jefferson sent future president James Monroe to Paris to aid Livingston in the New Orleans purchase talks. On April 11, 1803, the day before Monroe's arrival, Talleyrand asked a surprised Livingston what the United States would give for all of Louisiana Territory. It is believed that the failure of France to put down a slave revolution in Haiti, the impending war with Great Britain and probable Royal Navy blockade of France, and financial difficulties may all have prompted Napoleon to offer Louisiana for sale to the United States.

Negotiations moved swiftly, and at the end of April, the U.S. envoys agreed to pay \$11,250,000 and assumed claims of its citizens against France for \$3,750,000. In exchange, the United States acquired the vast domain of Louisiana Territory, some 828,000 square miles of land. In October, Congress ratified the purchase, and in December 1803, France formally transferred authority over the region to the United States. The acquisition of the Louisiana Territory for the bargain price of less than three cents an acre was Thomas Jefferson's most notable achievement as president. American expansion westward into the new lands began immediately, and in 1804 a territorial government was established. On April 30, 1812, exactly nine years after the Louisiana Purchase agreement was made, the first of 13 states to be carved from the territory--Louisiana--was admitted into the Union as the 18th U.S. state.



In commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust

Task Force 1st Armored Division Equal Opportunity Office

Presents a special showing of

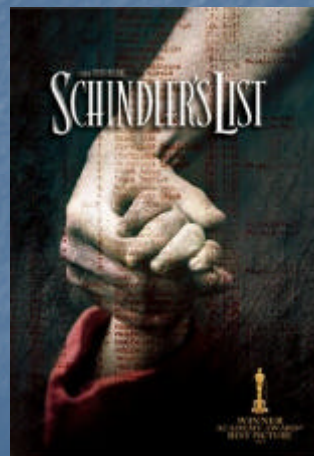
Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List"

*"We, the living, have the power to create
hope, defend freedom and build peace.
And on this day, on this day of remembrance,
we have the power and the duty to
remember" -Secretary of State,
Colin L. Powell*

Where: At Iron LSA MWR tent

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	JOURNEYS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - KEEPERS OF THE LOST ARK	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		00:00
00:30	THE HOT LIST	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	ARMY NEWSWATCH	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		MASTERPIECE THEATER (TVPG): - THE JURY (PT. 2)	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER				HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - 2ND ROUND GM 4: TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING @ MONTREAL CANADIENS	4 QTRS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - STICK YOUR NECK OUT	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS		CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00		NBA - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 5: MILWAUKEE BUCKS @ DETROIT PISTONS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - LOOKING BACK	LITTLE BILL (TVY7): - THE PROMISE/THE PRACTICE	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30				WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		04:30
05:00			THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - THE OUTSIDER	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30	ESPNEWS					05:30
06:00	MLB - NY METS @ LOS ANGELES DODGERS		BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER NINE	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30		NBA - PLAYOFFS - 1ST ROUND GM 5: DALLAS MAVERICKS @ SACRAMENTO KINGS				06:30
07:00			DINOSAUR PLANET (TVPG): - ALPHA'S EGGS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30				JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00			TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - OUTSIDE & INSIDE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		08:25
08:30			JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - THREE BY SEA			08:30
09:00	ESPNEWS	SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - ALL THE WAY		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		09:13
09:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION					09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	LITTLE BILL (TVY7): - THE PROMISE/THE PRACTICE	THE X-FILES (TV14): - TRIANGLE	HOUSE OF MOUSE (TVY): - THANKS TO MINNIE	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		ALL GROWN UP (TVY): - BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE THE TIME		10:30
11:00	AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - STICK YOUR NECK OUT	KIM POSSIBLE (TVY7): - CAR TROUBLE	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	AS TOLD BY GINGER (TVY): - APRIL FOOLS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
12:00	MLB - OAKLAND ATHLETICS @ NY YANKEES		THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - LOOKING BACK	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30				HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - THE OUTSIDER	ESPNEWS	PRIMETIME	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:30				HEADLINE NEWS		13:30
13:52				PACIFIC REPORT		13:52
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER NINE	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - SMART AND SMARTER	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE (TVPG): - GOODBYE KITTY		14:30
15:00	SPORTSCENTER	TODAY	DINOSAUR PLANET (TVPG): - ALPHA'S EGGS	SURVIVOR: ALL-STARS (TVPG):	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00	REAL SPORTS WITH BRYANT GUMBEL		TOYOTA WORLD OF WILDLIFE (TVG): - OUTSIDE & INSIDE	ALIAS (TVPG): - REPERCUSSIONS		16:00
16:30			JACK HANNA'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES (TVG): - THREE BY SEA			16:30
17:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - 2ND ROUND GM 4: DETROIT RED WINGS @ CALGARY FLAMES	HOUSE OF MOUSE (TVY): - THANKS TO MINNIE	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - ALL THE WAY	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:22				PACIFIC REPORT		17:22
17:30		ALL GROWN UP (TVY): - BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE THE TIME		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		KIM POSSIBLE (TVY7): - CAR TROUBLE	THE X-FILES (TV14): - TRIANGLE		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		AS TOLD BY GINGER (TVY): - APRIL FOOLS		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - STICK YOUR NECK OUT			19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		19:30
20:00	ESPNEWS	ESPNEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - LOOKING BACK	ELECTION	FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:19	BASEBALL TONIGHT					20:19
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS				20:30
21:00	BUDWEISER BOXING SERIES - HOUSTON, TX	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - SMART AND SMARTER	THE DEAD ZONE (TV14): - THE OUTSIDER		PRIMETIME	21:00
21:30		MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE (TVPG): - GOODBYE KITTY				21:30
22:00		SURVIVOR: ALL-STARS (TVPG):	BOSTON PUBLIC (TV14): - CHAPTER NINE	PICTURE PERFECT	FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30	ESPNEWS					22:30
23:00	HORSE RACING - 2DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS - KENTUCKY DERBY WEEK	ALIAS (TVPG): - REPERCUSSIONS	DINOSAUR PLANET (TVPG): - ALPHA'S EGGS		HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30					INSIDE POLITICS	23:30